Malaria in Mekkod, Kulasekharam, Pechippara and Arumana.

84. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps are being taken now for the eradication of malaria on the Special Investigation Officer's report in which it is stated that this disease is widely prevalent in Mekkod, Kulasekharam, Pechippara and Arumana?

(*b*) Do the Government propose to open a dispensary at Mekkod?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Anchal, Education, Forest and Revenue Departments have been entrusted with the sale of quinine in these localities. A scheme to carry out the proposals of the Special Investigation Officer has been called for from the Sanitary Commissioner. The matter is under correspondence between him and the Darbar Physician.

(*b*) No; Mekkod, Pechipara and Kulasekharam are in close proximity to one another and the Medical Officer in charge of the District Dispensary, Kulasekharam, attends to the needs of the people in the neighbourhood.

Appointment of Velayudhan Pillai.

85. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that M. Velayudhan Pillai, Mele Veedu, Kuttamkara, Tukkala *pakuthi*, Kalkulam taluk, who belongs to the educationally backward community of Krishnavaka in South Travancore and who has passed the School Final Examination of 1917, was, as a result of several applications, appointed as an acting clerk in the Vilavankod Taluk Cutcherry and subsequently as a clerk in the Maramat Circle Office, Padmanabhapuram, that, while holding that appointment there for about three years, he was disbanded from service owing to retrenchment in the re-organisation and that a person having inferior qualifications and with shorter service was appointed to that place by the then Maramat Engineer?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and confer some appointment on the said Velayudhan Pillai?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) Government will enquire.

Transfer of Vernacular School Teachers to their Native Places.

86. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer given to the interpellation asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 10th Karkatakam, 1099, regarding the transfers of teachers of Vernacular Schools to their native places, will the Government be pleased to furnish the following further information:

(*a*) Are transfers of such teachers to their native places being effected in strict conformity with the Director's Circular dated the 22nd April, 1915?

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